

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
SAVANNAH DIVISION

RAHEEM J. CANNON,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. CV410-236
)	
80th CONGRESS OF UNITED STATES)	
OF AMERICA,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

On May 5, 2011, the Court ordered plaintiff to submit either his \$350 filing fee or a motion seeking leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* within 14 days. (Doc. 2.) The docket reflects that a service copy of the order was mailed to Cannon at the address he provided. The order was returned as undeliverable on May 16, 2011, with a notation stating that delivery was attempted but the addressee was not known. (Doc. 3.)

Plaintiff has neglected to provide the Court with a current mailing address. Local Rule 11.1 places a continuing duty on *pro se* litigants to keep the Court apprised of their current address. Without a litigant's current mailing address, the Court cannot move the case forward or even

communicate with plaintiff.¹

A court has the power to prune from its docket those cases that amount to no more than mere deadwood. Accordingly, plaintiff's complaint should be **DISMISSED** without prejudice for his failure to prosecute this action. S.D. Ga. LR 41(b); *see Link v. Wabash Railroad Co.*, 370 U.S. 626, 630-31 (1962) (courts have the inherent authority to dismiss claims for lack of prosecution); *Mingo v. Sugar Cane Growers Co-op*, 864 F.2d 101, 102 (11th Cir. 1989); *Jones v. Graham*, 709 F.2d 1457, 1458 (11th Cir. 1983); *Floyd v. United States*, No. CV491-277 (S.D. Ga. June 10, 1992).

SO REPORTED AND RECOMMENDED this 17th day of May, 2011.


UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

¹ As court policy does not allow pro se litigants to utilize electronic filing, they may only be served by mail. Administrative Procedures for Filing, Signing, and Verifying Pleadings and Papers by Electronic Means § III(B), available at <http://www.gasd.uscourts.gov/pdf/EcfProcedures.pdf> (last visited May 16, 2011).